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POLITICS SIDETRACKS BUSINESS
IN WASHINGTON

President Out For Second Term—
Stormy Meeting of Democratic Na-
tional Committee Followed by "Har-
mony" Dinner.

There is nothing of any importance
being done in Congress this week,
that body marking time, the mem-
bers of both House and Senate in
both parties apparently being more
interested in the coming presidential
contest than anything else. The talk
on the Republican side is all about
LaFollette, and Roosevelt and Taft,
the President having definitely an-
nounced that he will stand for re-
nomination and reelection. LaFollette
has been on a rampage in Ohio and
elsewhere in the north during the
holidays seeking to forward his can-
didacy, but has returned to Wash-
ington feeling rather frosty. Mr.
Roosevelt, as usual, has nothing to
say and everybody is speculating.

Matters have been even more live-
ly among the Democrats, the na-
tional committee having met in Wash-
ington, Monday, their deliberations
being followed by the Jackson Day
Banquet that evening. The meeting
of the committee was a stormy one,
Mr. Bryan, as usual, being the storm
center. Although he was out-voted it
is plain that he is too powerful and
is too much feared to be ignored. At
the dinner speeches were made by
all the notables which of course in-
cluded the presidential aspirants. It
is difficult to say whether Wilson,
Clark or Bryan carried off the laurels.
It is said to have been a har-
mony meeting.

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Does your date label say 1912?

If not,—

PREVENTION OF CRIME—SECOND STEP

The first step—Prenatal influence. The first word, the word
that describes the process—eugenics. These we discussed last week.
We are now to take up the second step and the second word—the pro-
cess word.

And what are they? Parental influence, the step; and training,
the word. Can any one see it otherwise? Hardly. And every one
can readily see that the parents' problem of training is more than half
solved, if the first step was a true step—if the prenatal influence
was what it should be—more than half solved for two reasons:
In the first place parents with sufficient wisdom and forethought to
have a care for the prenatal influences on their offspring are
equipped by the same wisdom for the later work of training; and in
the second place their task is rendered less difficult by the fact that
the dispositions with which they are to work have to a large extent
already been given right direction. A most significant argument,
this, in behalf of the science of eugenics.

So it follows that the problem of parental training, difficult in
every case, is a problem, harder by many fold, to the very persons
the least competent to attempt a solution. Hence the fact that the
homes that breed the criminal disposition usually are the trainers,
willingly or unwillingly, of criminals. Hence the wholesale turning
over to the school and the church of the functions of the home by
the parents. Hence the more than pound of cure that so often does
not cure, and the less than ounce of prevention that rarely prevents.
Hence our increasing criminal record—our appalling criminal re-
cord.

It will be seen from the foregoing that there are three classes
of parents—those who willfully both breed and train criminals, those
who unwillingly do so thru ignorance and those who both have a care
for the principle of eugenics and really train for righteousness.
For the first class the only remedies are some regenerating pro-
cesses or the invoking of some legal restraint. The second class in-
vites instruction and direction. While the third class already has
its problems practically solved.

It is to the second class, therefore,—the class that both
invites and needs—that our appeal is made. We call it an appeal
because we think we are laying bare the sources of crime, we think
we see the remedy and we want to enlist thought—thought on the
prevention of crime—parental influence that will prevent crime.
Coming directly to the point—training—the training in the home
that obviates crime.

And the first suggestion we have to make is that it takes
the trained to train. Discouraging isn't it? Yes. But the future of
our children ought to be worth the price. Children are easily led
but are hard to drive over a more difficult road while we—the driv-
ers—are going in an easier and opposite way. It is neither precept
nor example alone that tells effectively. It requires both example
and precept to train. Parents should lure to better things and lead
the way.

In the second place it takes the wise, the just, the good and the
self-controlled to make punishment either an instrument of cure or
prevention. If inflicted in anger or inspired by a feeling of personal
hurt or revenge by parents their guilt is greater than that of the one
punished and the "venting of their spleen" is their only reward, for
the child will harbor resentment and in its turn get revenge by fur-
ther outbreaks. Punishment to be effective for good must be inflicted
not in impatience and anger but in calmness and in love. Whipping
is never in place except in cases of rebellion, and scolding never.
Scolds ought to be in the insane asylum. They should be kept as
far away from children as possible. The only punishment that the
wise parent will use will be such as can be found in the imposition
of extra tasks or in certain deprivations—natural punishment.

And there are several principles that the world is gradually
learning that all parents who are interested in the training of their
children should begin to put into practice.

The first is the value of positives as against negatives. There
is certainly too much of the "don't" and not enough of the "do" in
parents' directions to their children. The best way to keep them
from the things that call for the "don'ts" is to enlist their activity
in other directions—right directions. Much of vice and crime are
the result of indolence—the want of something worth while to
do. Indeed in the future it will be known that "vice must be
fought by welfare not by restraint," and that our pleasures are
stronger than our temptations.

Another principle that demands attention is that of *indirec-
tion*. The direct way to get children to be good is to constantly
urge them to be good, but that is not the wisest nor the surest way.
The best way and the surest way is the indirect way—letting good-
ness follow usefulness and happiness. Children, just like their
parents, resent all efforts to make them good but they like to be
shown the way to happiness and usefulness; and the pursuit of
these brings the goodness by the way.

All this in reference to *training*—parental training to prevent
crime. And we have just one more suggestion. It is in reference
to parents' conception of the part religion plays in the process.

The popular notion is that all good and goodness come from
religion and we think that is about true, but the great failure of the
home and the parents in the matter of training to prevent crime is
due to a misconception of what religion is. They mistake
Doctrine for religion and say, of course, that they can't
teach it. The fact is that no two churches can teach it alike
and parents are justified in their determination not to try. But doc-
trine is not religion and parents are the best teachers of religion
when they know just what it is—that its best definition is *character*.

The home can train in gentleness, kindness, purity, courtesy, or
it can neglect these and allow the children to become uncouth, hard-
hearted, impure, liars and thieves—the parents expecting all these
virtues to be supplied by conversion—religion—when they get old
enough to decide for themselves. They may be but they most often
are not; and, if these should be supplied, that would be to invite vice
—crime—in order to enjoy the privilege of having it cured.

The better way is for the parents to teach these things, thus an-
ticipating conversion—thus teaching religion—thus **PREVENT-
ING CRIME**.—Reprinted from *Citizen* of March 23, 1911.

class-rooms, and in the Library and
Laboratories; but no one can pass
through the streets of Berea with-
out feeling the thrill of the presence
of this great regiment of young men
and young women, each bent upon
his or her particular task, and all
together working for the good of
state, nation and world.

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 14, Sunday, 7 p. m.—Raine in
Upper Chapel. Roberts in Main
Chapel.

Jan. 15, Monday, 9:40—College Lec-
ture—Downing.

Normal Lecture—Dinsmore.

Academy Lecture—Matheny.

Vocational Lecture—Marsh.

Foundation Lecture—
Tuesday, 9:40—United Men's Con-

ference.

United Women's Conference.

Jan. 19, Friday, 7 p. m.—Annual
debate.

Jan. 21, Sunday, 7 p. m.—Raine and
Roberts.

Monday, 9:40, United Lecture —
"Business is Business."—Taylor.

Jan. 27, Saturday, 7 p. m.—Scheid-
kret's Hungarian Orchestra.

NEW STORY

We have selected as our next
serial story to be run in the *Citizen*
"The Skyman," a most interesting
novel by Henry Ketchell Webster.
This is a tale of a remarkable ad-
venture told with much skill by the
author. As the title of the story in-
dicates it has to do with an "Air-
Ship" and the locale of the story is

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NEWS OF THE WEEK IN OUR OWN STATE

Rear Admiral Evans Dies in Washing-
ton—Lincoln and Davis May Stand
Side by Side in National Hall of
Fame—In the Grip of the North—
Richeson Confesses and is Condem-
ned to Death—The Future of China.

"FIGHTING BOB" IS DEAD

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans,
commonly known as "Fighting Bob,"
probably the most noted of the na-
val officers of the United States,
died suddenly at his home in Wash-
ington, Jan. 3rd. He was 65 years
of age and had been a noted figure
in naval circles for many years, com-
ing most prominently into view at
the battle of Santiago when in com-
mand of the Indiana he played such
an important part in the destruction
of Cervera's fleet. He had the dis-
tinction also of commanding the At-
lantic fleet in its memorable cruise
around the world.

LINCOLN AND DAVIS

Some comment is being excited
over a statement issued from Wash-
ington that statues of Abraham Lin-
coln and Jefferson Davis will be
placed side by side in the old hall
of the House of Representatives in
the Capitol which is now known as
the Nation's Hall of Fame. Inasmuch
as the states are to decide which of
their noted names shall have the dis-
tinction there seems to be nothing
in the way of the proposal.

RICHESON CONFESSES

Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, pastor of
a Baptist Church in Cambridge,
Mass., arrested, Oct. 20th, charged
with killing Avis Linell, a young girl
with whom he had been intimate for
some time and whom he had prom-
ised to marry, confessed the murder
Jan. 6th. At the time of the murder
his marriage to another young woman
in Boston was but a week off
and presents were being received.
This is one of the blackest crimes
on record. The minister claims that
he was driven to the confession by
repentance and remorse and hopes for
an opportunity to redeem his sinful
past behind prison walls. However, he
will be sent to the electric chair
unless the governor intervenes.

IN THE GRIP OF THE NORTH

The entire country from the Cana-
dian border to Southern Florida has
been in the grip of a blizzard, the
coldest since 1901, and while there
was some relief Monday, all hopes
were dashed by a sudden plunge
downward of the thermometer Mon-
day night, and now the Weather
Bureau announces that there is no
immediate relief in sight. Great suf-
fering is reported throughout the
country and a good many deaths.

THE FUTURE OF CHINA

A big question mark is about the
best characterization of the Chinese
situation. As stated last week, a
Republic has been formed by dele-
gates from eighteen provinces and
Dr. Sun Yat Sen chosen President.
The new government seems to have
taken hold of the situation with a
great deal of ability, but on the
other hand the Imperialists just now
seem to be realizing the serious-
ness of the situation, the reigning
Princes for the first time having
opened their purses to the support
of the government, and it is feared
that the new government may have
a serious contest before it is thor-
oughly established.

In Northern Alaska, where the "Sky-
man" finds the heroine of the story
who has become stranded from her
father's yacht—but better read the
story which starts in next week's
Citizen and enjoy this remarkable
narrative for yourself.

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Bradley Appoints Danville Collector—
Spectacular Fire in Louisville—Stu-
dent Government at State Univer-
sity—Banner Corn Grower—Hog
and Cow vs. Human Being—Incen-
dary Fire in Clay Co.

BRADLEY AGAIN RULES

The Danville collectorship seems
to have been settled at last, and
settled as every one believed it
would be, who knows the power of
Senator Bradley at the White House.
Langley and Powers, finding that
they could not land their man, Jack-
son Morris, concentrated upon Cooper
the incumbent, but it was announced
Monday evening that the President
had decided to give the post to Brad-
ley's man, Winston Wiseman.

BIG FIRE IN LOUISVILLE

A fire entailing a loss of two hun-
dred and eighty thousand dollars oc-
curred in Louisville last Thursday
night destroying the business houses
of Gutman, Levi and Swartz, and
damaging the Baldwin Company. The
Fire Department had great difficulty
in fighting the flames owing to the
extreme cold, the clothing of the fire-
men being frozen and the fire lad-
ders encased in ice. The fire was
very spectacular, the flames being
driven by a strong gale and thou-
sands thronged the streets to witness
it.

SELF GOVERNMENT IN K. U.

A good movement has been on foot
at the State University for some
weeks looking to better moral con-
ditions among the student body. Lec-
tures have been given by distinguish-
ed personages and a great majority
of the young men have signed pledg-
es obligating themselves to a high-
er life and promising to help the
school authorities in maintaining
higher ideals. The movement has re-
sulted in a system of self govern-
ment among the student body. Of
the organization W. C. Harrison was
elected President, D. D. Felix, Vice-
President and Miss Jessie M. Jones,
Secretary.

OTHER BOYS CAN DO IT

I. V. Hooper, a 17-year old boy,
was awarded the prize by the Ken-
tucky Corn Show, held at Lexington
last week, for raising the greatest
number of bushels of corn per acre.
The prize was a fifty dollar silver
pitcher given by the Lexington Com-
mercial Club. Hooper lives near
Morganfield in Union County. He is
a member of the Boys' Corn Club
and brought the County Superinten-
dent's record, duly substantiated, that
he raised 145 bushels on one acre.
This is equivalent to 29 barrels.
Counting his corn at 65 cents a bar-
rel he cleared \$95.25 above all ex-
penses. This is the best showing ever
made in Kentucky, 12 or 15 barrels
being an average yield for even good
bluegrass land.

WHICH IS MORE VALUABLE?

The fight is on again before the
Kentucky Legislature. The hog breed-
ers of the state are asking for an ap-
propriation of eighteen thousand dol-
lars for serum to prevent hogs from
dying of cholera; the dairymen want
ten thousand dollars to protect cows.
The State Tuberculosis Association
is asking for a moderate sum to com-
bat the white plague among human
beings. Will it be as it was two years
ago? It will be remembered that the
lovers of the hog got an appropri-
ation of several thousand dollars but
that nothing was done to relieve
suffering humanity. The Legislature,
now in session is given an opportu-
nity to show which is the more
valuable in its estimation, the hog
and the cow on the one side or hu-
man beings on the other.